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FCAR CENTRE GRANT APPLICATIONS

As we noted in our Newsletter last Spring, the FCAR Centre Grant applications for the 1990-91 year are due in Quebec no later than April 15, 1989.

The objectives of the FCAR Centre Research Program is to favor the development of Centres of Excellence in clearly defined areas and to favor optimum conditions for the formation of researchers. These Centres must be officially approved by the University as a research entity and the researchers within this Centre must possess a fair amount of stability evident by the extent of joint research activities. In addition, the group must show that they have been working together over the past three years.

A copy of the brochure and application forms are available from this office. If you require further information, please call Dr. Langford at 4802. The deadline date for application to ORS will be APRIL 5. This deadline must be respected since a section of this form must be completed by the Associate Vice-Rector, Academic (Research) prior to his departure for China. Your cooperation in respecting this deadline will be greatly appreciated.

A copy of the "Guidelines for Senate Evaluation of University Research Centres" which have been approved by Senate, also contains guidelines for the establishment of research centres and is available from ORS upon request.

NSERC STRATEGIC GRANTS

This is to advise you that the NSERC Strategic grants program will this year have a new program framework. The eligible areas are divided into three categories 1) Advanced technologies; 2) Resources and 3) Environmental quality; the "Open" area will also be retained. The advanced technologies include:

NSERC STRATEGIC GRANTS (Cont'd)

Biotechnology, Energy, Industrial Materials and Processes, Information Systems and Manufacturing Systems. The resources category includes Fisheries and Oceans, Food and Agriculture, Forestry and Mining.

The major difference between the new program and past practice is that the program will be more "strategic" in orientation.

Instead of the traditional "field description" formerly used for strategic grant applications, NSERC is preparing "mission" statements which will outline the goals and objectives to be addressed through strategic research in the area and suggest priority topics. For the current year, a mission statement exists for Information Systems and field descriptions will be provided for the other areas.

The deadline date for applications to this office will be **APRIL 17, 1989**. If you wish to have a copy of the application form and revised documentation, please call this office and indicate the area of interest.

COOPERATION QUEBEC-FRANCE AND QUEBEC-BELGIUM 1989-90

This is to advise you that we again have available the application forms and brochures for both cooperative activities in the area of graduate studies and research. These cooperative projects are jointly funded by both governments. The brochures will outline the basic characteristics of these cooperative programs as well as the type of support.

The project themes which will be considered under the QUEBEC-FRANCE COOPERATION are:

Natural and Applied Sciences

- New materials;
- Plasmas and their applications;
- Fundamental and applied electrochemistry;
- Artificial intelligence, computer-aided design;
- Optics and lasers;
- Remote sensing;
- Genetic improvement of plants, out-of-soil plant production, biotechnology applied to forestry;
- Microbiology, microbial ecology, virology (animal and human).

COOPERATION QUEBEC-FRANCE AND QUEBEC-BELGIUM 1989-90 (Cont'd)

Humanities and Social Sciences

- Comparative history;
- Techniques and organization;
- Social demography;
- Computer linguistics and terminology, language industries;
- French and Quebec literature.

Deadline date for application to ORS is **JUNE 1, 1989.**

THEMES FOR QUEBEC-BELGIUM COOPERATION

- Microcomputers (composites, telematic, industrial processes);
- Social and cultural transformations linked to technological change;
- Genetic engineering particularly relating to agriculture and forestry;
- Composite materials;
- Acid rain;
- Evaluation of the impact of public intervention in matters of scientific development and technological change;
- Linguistics;
- Computer Science;
- Computer Science applied to Linguistics.

Deadline date for application to ORS is **MAY 19, 1989.**

Additional information and application forms for both programs are available from this office (4888).

SSHRC STRATEGIC GRANT COMPETITION

This is a reminder that the Strategic grant applications are due in this office no later than **MARCH 21, 1989.** The main types of support are: seed money grants, research workshops and strategic research grants. The areas of support are:

SPECIAL AREAS:

Canadian Studies Research Tools
Support to Specialized Collections

SSHRC STRATEGIC GRANT COMPETITION (Cont'd)

THEMATIC PROGRAMS:

The Family and the Socialization of Children
The Human Context of Science and Technology
Managing the Organization in Canada
Women and Work
Education and Work in a Changing Society

Application forms and brochures are available from this office.

JAPAN FOUNDATION TRUST FUND

The Japan Foundation Trust Fund is now inviting Tanaka Program applications for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91. The objective of this program is to promote the incremental growth of Japanese studies in Canadian universities. These grants may be used for stipends or honoraria for visiting or adjunct faculty, travel costs for visiting professors, salaries for Japanese language teachers or studentships, especially for intensive summer language programs.

Grants may not be used for salaries or travel of permanent staff, research projects normally eligible for SSHRC or regular Japan Foundation support or any administrative costs incurred in receiving grants.

No application forms are required. Proposals should be brief and specific and provide a description of the current situation with regard to Japanese language studies or other Japanese studies programs, the overall plans for this field in the future and the actual project for which a grant is being requested. A budgetary breakdown should be included as well as a one-page summary of the proposal. Proposals should be addressed to Eva Egron-Polak, Assistant Director, International Division, AUCC, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5N1. These proposals must be in our office no later than MARCH 28, 1989.

THE 14TH CONGRESS OF THE WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE

This is to inform you that the 14th Congress of the World Energy Conference will be held at the Montreal Convention Centre from September 17 to 22, 1989. This will be the first time that Canada has hosted this Congress.

The 14th Congress will bring together leaders of the energy community from around the world. It will provide a forum for a frank exchange of views by all sectors of the energy community and it will provide a unique opportunity for input from Canadian experts into the global energy debate. Further information can be obtained from:

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Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1Z3
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